



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Messmer et al.	:	
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COMPETITIVE BIDDING	:	
YIELD	:	

**AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2005 and pursuant to *Ex parte Quayle*,  
1935 D.C. 11; 453 O.G. 213, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment.